

the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William A. Fletcher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Walker D. Miller, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Nina Gershon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Edmund A. Sargus, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, W. Craig Broadwater, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Dean D. Pregerson, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, after receiving testimony from Senator Dodd, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Family and Medical Leave; Geri D. Palast, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs; Libby Sartain, Southwest Airlines, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; Cynthia Graham, Southern States Utilities, Apopka, Florida; and Elizabeth M. Carlson and Joseph Tully, both of National Futures Association, Chicago, Illinois.

FLORIDA INDIAN GAMING DECISION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Seminole Tribe of Florida v. Florida*, 116 S. Ct. 1114 (1996), on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, after receiving testimony from Seth P. Waxman, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; John D. Leshy, Solicitor, and John Duffy, Counselor to the Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior; Wisconsin State Attorney General James E. Doyle, Madison; California State Special Assistant Attorney General Thomas F. Gede, Sacramento; Alex Tallchief Skibine, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; Richard B. Collins, University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder; and Franklin Ducheneaux, Ducheneaux, Taylor & Associates, Douglas B.L. Endreson, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse & Endreson, and Jerry C. Straus, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, all of Washington, D.C.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Patsy Thomasson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel, The White House; and J. Wesley Strange, First Ozark National Bank/Mercantile Bank of North Central Arkansas, Edward Penick, and Margaret Davenport Eldridge, all of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3422–3432; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 173–174, and H. Res. 429 were introduced. **Page H4800**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2604, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, amended (H. Rept. 104–569); and

H. Res. 430, providing for consideration of H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997 (H. Rept. 104–570). **Page H4800**

Committees To Sit: By a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 155, agreed to the Arney motion that all committees and subcommittees be permitted to sit today and the remainder of the week during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule. **Pages H4660–62**

Housing Act: By a recorded vote of 315 ayes to 107 noes, Roll No. 161, the House passed H.R. 2406, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs. **Pages H4662–H4738**

On demand for a separate vote, agreed to the Maloney amendment that allows elderly and disabled

residents living in federally-assisted housing be allowed to keep a common household pet (agreed to by a recorded vote of 375 ayes to 48 noes, Roll No. 159). This amendment was agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a voice vote on Wednesday, May 8.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

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Rejected the Kennedy of Massachusetts motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that specifies that the amount paid for monthly rent may not exceed thirty percent of the family's adjusted monthly income for any family who has an annual income of which not less than fifty percent is earned income (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 160).

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Agreed To:

The Hinchey en bloc amendment that limits to thirty percent of income the maximum rent that an elderly or disabled family could be required to pay for public housing;

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts en bloc amendment that limits to thirty percent of income the maximum rent that veterans could be required to pay for public or housing;

Pages H4678-79

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment, as modified, that requires forty percent of rental assistance vouchers be reserved for families with incomes at or below thirty percent of median income; and for units made available for occupancy, not less than thirty-five percent shall be occupied by families whose incomes do not exceed thirty percent of median income;

Pages H4679-83

The Vento amendment, as modified, that extends authorization for the Community Partnerships Against Crime Act through 1998;

Pages H4683-85

The Sanders amendment that increases the level of administrative fees to local housing authorities administering the rental assistance program; and establishes a two-tiered payment schedule that gives local authorities 7.65 percent of the base grant amount for the first 600 units and seven percent for all units in excess of 600 units;

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The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in the bill should be American made;

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The Filner amendment that permits the use of rental assistance for the rental of manufactured housing or the property on which such housing is situated, such as mobile homes, in which case the rental will be provided directly to the family living on the site, not the property owner;

Pages H4695-96

The Waters amendment, as modified, that limits to fifty percent the amount an eligible public entity may use to make loan guarantees for economic development under the Community Development Block Grant loan guarantee program that could be used for housing purposes;

Pages H4702-04

The Cardin amendment that directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to consult with local authorities in negotiating any settlement of litigation regarding public housing or rental assistance;

Pages H4710-11

The Hayworth amendment, as amended by the Young of Alaska and the Bereuter amendments, that adds a new title consisting of the text of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act; establishes a block grant to be administered by Indian tribes to provide housing assistance on Indian reservations; conforms provisions to the Davis-Bacon Act as it relates to public housing; and specifies provisions relating to loan guarantees and authorities to use appropriated funds; and

Pages H4712-24

The Roemer amendment that establishes a national manufactured housing construction and safety standards consensus committee to develop Federal standards for the construction of manufactured homes.

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Rejected:

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment, as modified, that sought to limit to 30 percent of income any family's rent for public or assisted housing (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 156).

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The McIntosh amendment to the agreed-to Roemer amendment that sought to establish a manufactured housing construction and safety standards consensus committee, to include provisions that require certain competitive bidding procedures; and to subject the expenditure of inspection fees to be addressed through the annual appropriations process;

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The Velázquez en bloc amendment that sought to require that the minimum tenant rent contribution for public housing may not exceed \$25 per month; and

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The Durbin amendment, as modified, that sought to prohibit the illegal possession or discharge of firearms in public housing zones except in cases of self-defense.

Pages H4704-07, H4732

A point of order was sustained against the Ney amendment that sought to add a new section to allow eligibility of communities in Federal flood insurance programs despite the presence of mobile homes in those communities which are located in areas of flood risk.

Pages H4707-09

Withdrawn:

The following amendments were offered, but subsequently withdrawn:

The Watts of Oklahoma substitute amendment to the agreed-to Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to limit to 30 percent of income the maximum rent that any elderly or disabled family could be required to pay for public housing;

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to require HUD to set aside \$195 million of tenant-based rental assistance to homeless families with children of families participating in programs related to welfare initiatives;

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section members, references, punctuation, and indentation, and to make any other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Subsequently, S. 1260, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu, after being amended to contain the language of the House bill as passed. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill. H.R. 2406 was laid on the table.

House then insisted on its amendments to S. 1260 and asked a conference. appointed as conferees; Representatives Leach, Lazio, Bereuter, Baker of Louisiana, Castle, Gonzalez, Vento, and Kennedy of Massachusetts.

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Presidio Properties: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayers; and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young of Alaska, Hansen, Allard, Hayworth, Cubin, Miller of California, Richardson, and Vento.

Pages H4755–56

Adoption of Minority Children: It was made in order that, during the consideration of H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption cost, and to promote the adoption of minority children, pursuant to H. Res. 428, notwithstanding the order of the previous question, it may be in order immediately after initial debate on the bill, as amended, for the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill until the following legislative day, on which consideration may resume at a time designated by the Speaker.

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Product Liability: By a yea-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 162, the House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

Subsequently, the message and the bill were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pages H4756–64

Government Civilian Science Activities: House agreed to H. Res. 427, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3322, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government.

Pages H4764–66

Adoption of Minority Children: House completed all general debate on H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children. Consideration of amendments will begin on Friday, May 10.

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H. Res. 428, providing for the consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H4766–75

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4754.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4661–62, H4675–76, H4731–32, H4732, H4734, H4736–37, H4737–38, and H4764. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Secretary of Commerce, the SEC, and the Department of State Under Secretary for Management. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, Acting Secretary of Commerce; Richard M. Moose, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State; and Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C. Finances. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Chief Financial Officer; and Angela L. Avant, Inspector General; and a public witness.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Howard University the Special Institutions for the Disabled, and on the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from H. Patrick